



# Homeland Security

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *April 27, WTOC 11 Savannah* – (Georgia) **Hundreds still without power after Saturday's storms.** Georgia Power crews worked to restore power to more than 300 customers that remained without service April 27 following severe storms that moved through the State April 25 and knocked out service to a total of 21,000 customers.  
Source: <http://www.wtvm.com/story/28904507/hundreds-still-without-power-after-saturdays-storms>
2. *April 24, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Big storm barrels through north Texas, leaving tens of thousands without power.** Utility officials reported that over 60,000 customers lost power in the Dallas-Fort Worth area due to a severe storm that moved through north Texas April 24.  
Source: <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/metro/20150424-big-storm-barrels-through-north-texas-leaving-tens-of-thousands-without-power.ece>
3. *April 24, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **Arlington issues 3 citations to gas well driller for mishap.** The city of Arlington, Texas, issued 3 citations for violations to Vantage Energy April 24 following an April 11 incident where thousands of gallons of salty, pressurized frack water began to back-flow out of a natural gas well at the company's Lake Arlington Baptist Church site until it was contained April 12. The back-flow caused over 100 homes to voluntarily evacuate and halted operations at the site until an investigation is completed.  
Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/story/news/local/tarrant-county/2015/04/24/arlington-issues-3-citations-to-gas-well-driller-for-mishap/26292803/>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

4. *April 24, Detroit News* – (National) **Ford recalls 390,000 cars for faulty door latches.** Ford Motor Co., issued a recall April 24 for 389,585 model years 2012 – 2014 Fiesta and model years 2013 – 2014 Fusion and Lincoln MKZ vehicles due to an issue with pawl spring tab that could cause doors to fail to latch, or unlatch while driving. Two minor injuries and one accident were linked to the issue.

Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/ford/2015/04/24/ford-recalls-cars-faulty-door-latches/26317439/>

5. *April 23, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Arkansas) **Steel wire producer exposes workers to amputation and lead hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Van Buren-based Bekaert Corp., April 23 for 12 violations, including the company's failure to prevent lead accumulation and contamination, and failure to protect workers from cutting machine blades and moving parts. Proposed fines total \$76,000.  
Source:  
[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=27834](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27834)
6. *April 23, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Arkansas) **Trailer parts manufacturer exposed workers to multiple hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Corning-based Mid-America Steel Products Inc., April 23 for 19 violations, including 17 serious violations regarding failing to maintain a hearing conservation program for workers, failing to provide required training, and not guarding machinery. Proposed fines total \$41,200.  
Source:  
[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=27837](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27837)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Financial Services Sector**

7. *April 24, Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) **SEC sues Indy securities firm for alleged Ponzi scheme.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) sued Indianapolis-based Veros Partners April 22 for an alleged Ponzi-like scheme in which the company's president, 2 associates, and 3 associated companies raised at least \$15 million from investors to make short-term operating loans to farmers and used a portion of the funds to cover unpaid debt from prior loans. The SEC claimed that the company owes millions of dollars in past due payments to over 80 investors.  
Source: <http://www.indystar.com/story/money/2015/04/24/sec-sues-indy-securities-firm-alleged-ponzi-scheme/26322675/>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

8. *April 27, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Southbound 710 Freeway remains shut after tanker fire.** The California Highway Patrol reported April 26 that southbound lanes of 710 Freeway in Bell will remain closed until April 28 due to structural damages on the roadway after a semi-truck carrying 8,500 gallons of gas overturned and caught on fire. No injuries were reported.  
Source: <http://abc7.com/news/southbound-710-freeway-remains-shut-after-tanker-fire/682822/>

9. *April 26, KCCI 8 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **Plane carrying 187 people makes emergency landing in Des Moines.** A United Airlines flight headed from Chicago to Denver made an emergency landing at Des Moines International Airport in Iowa, April 26 after the pilots reported a strange odor in the cockpit. Airport fire crews inspected the plane and investigated the situation.  
Source: <http://www.kcci.com/news/plane-carrying-187-people-makes-emergency-landing-in-des-moines/32582104>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

10. *April 27, Reuters* – (National) **Increased human protections offered as H5N2 outbreak spreads.** Federal public health officials reported that about 300 farm workers exposed to the H5N2 strain of bird flu were offered Tamiflu, an antiviral medication, as a precaution due to an ongoing outbreak that is affecting Midwestern poultry farms. Investigators have heightened biosecurity measures on infected farms and protective equipment has been issued for responders to the scene of an outbreak.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/04/27/us-health-birdflu-biosecurity-insight-idUSKBN0NI0AU20150427>
11. *April 26, Reuters* – (Minnesota) **National Guard called up to deliver water in Minnesota bird flu fight.** The Minnesota State Emergency Operations Center reported April 26 that 30 National Guard soldiers and 15 military water trucks will be deployed April 27 – 29 in an effort to contain the rapidly spreading H5N2 strain of bird flu. The water will be used for foam-based systems employed to cull flocks on infected poultry farms.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/04/26/us-health-birdflu-usa-minnesota-idUSKBN0NH0U920150426>
12. *April 24, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Texas) **Alpine Sausage Kitchen recalls beef and pork products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service reported April 24 that Alpine Sausage Kitchen recalled about 3,350 pounds of beef and pork products due to undeclared soy. The affected products were distributed to one retailer in Texas.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-069-2015-release>

13. *April 24, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Maryland; Virginia) **Hong Ha recalls beef and pork products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced April 24 a recall for about 10,164 pounds of its beef and pork products due to misbranding and undeclared wheat flour, eggs, and milk. The recalled products were shipped to restaurants and retailers in Maryland and Virginia.  
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-068-2015-release>
14. *April 24, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Florida) **Greystone Foods, LLC voluntarily recalls Today's Harvest Field Peas with Snaps, Silver Queen Corn, and Broccoli Florets due to possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported April 24 that Greystone Foods, LLC voluntarily recalled 32-ounce packages of its Today's Harvest Field Peas with Snaps, Silver Queen Corn, and Broccoli Florets product due to possible contamination with Listeria monocytogenes. The recalled product was shipped to a Publix Supermarkets warehouse in Lakeland, Florida, but it remains unclear if the product was released for further distribution.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm444548.htm>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

15. *April 27, KGTV 10 San Diego* – (California) **Nearly 17,000 gallons of sewage flowed into Ostrich Creek after ruptured force main.** An estimated 17,100 gallons of sewage spilled from a ruptured force main in Fallbrook, California, causing about 16,900 gallons to flow into Ostrich Creek April 26. Signs warning of sewage contamination were posted at public access points along the creek and will remain in place until samples confirm that the water is no longer impacted.  
Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/nearly-17000-gallons-of-sewage-flowed-into-ostrich-creek-after-ruptured-force-main-042615>
16. *April 27, San Angelo Standard-Times* – (Texas) **Pipeline failure in Abilene causes 1.5 million gallon raw sewer water spill.** The city of Abilene reported that 1.5 million gallons of raw sewer water spilled from the city's wastewater collection system April 26 due to a failure of the sewer force-main pipeline. Crews contained the spill and cleaned the scene, while authorities reported that the city's water supply was safe to consume and use for personal use.  
Source: <http://www.gosanangelo.com/business/local/pipeline-failure-in-abilene-causes-15-million-gallon-raw-sewer-water-spill>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

17. *April 27, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **Seaton data breach may affect 39,000 patients.** Austin-based Seton Family of Hospitals announced April 24 that hackers accessed the personal, medical, and insurance information of approximately 39,000 patients. The organization was notified of the breach February 26 and shut down user names and passwords for employee email accounts that were affected.  
Source: <http://kxan.com/2015/04/24/39000-affected-in-seton-phishing-attack-targeting-company-emails/>
  
18. *April 25, Reuters* – (Indiana) **Indiana HIV cases reach 142 in rural outbreak, more expected.** The health commissioner of Indiana reported April 25 that the number of confirmed and presumed HIV cases stemming from abuse of intravenous prescription drugs in the State rose to 142, up from 106 cases reported 2 weeks prior. Health officials stated that there will likely be more reported cases.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/04/25/us-usa-indiana-hiv-idUSKBN0NF1TS20150425>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

19. *April 27, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Classes canceled, delayed due to early-morning storms.** Huntsville, Navasota, and Livingston independent school districts in Texas canceled classes April 27 due to power outages and downed trees caused by storms that moved through the State.  
Source: <http://www.khou.com/story/news/local/2015/04/27/monday-severe-weather-class-delays/26439647/>
  
20. *April 24, Associated Press* – (National) **8 arrested in Atlanta-based fraud ring.** U.S. Secret Service officials reported April 24 that 8 members of an Atlanta-based fraud ring were arrested April 23, while 5 additional suspects were in custody and 1 other was expected to surrender in a theft scheme that netted \$10 million in U.S. Department of the Treasury checks from a post office in Atlanta. The suspects cashed tax refund, Social Security, and veterans' benefits checks at grocery stores, department stores, and other businesses across nine States.  
Source: <http://knoe.membercenter.worldnow.com/story/28894360/8-arrested-in-atlanta-based-fraud-ring>
  
21. *April 24, CNN* – (New York) **New York's Statue of Liberty evacuated after bomb threat.** The Statue of Liberty and Liberty Island in New York were expected to reopen April 25 after a phoned bomb threat prompted an evacuation and closure of the statue and island April 24 while police conducted a search. Authorities cleared the scene after 4 hours when nothing suspicious was found.  
Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2015/04/24/us/new-york-statue-of-liberty->

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22. *April 24, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **6 kids transported after Belleville school bus accident.** Six students from Harmony Emge Middle School and 3 others were transported to an area hospital after a school bus collided with a vehicle in Belleville April 24.  
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2015/04/24/5-kids-transported-after-belleville-school-bus-accident/26321969/>
23. *April 24, WMAZ 13 Macon* – (Georgia) **Laurens Co. schools cleaning up norovirus.** Laurens County Public Schools in Georgia worked to train janitors to disinfect schools in the district after classes were canceled April 24 when more than 100 students became sick with symptoms similar to norovirus. Officials were expected to get test results the week of April 27 and schools were scheduled to reopen April 27.  
Source: <http://www.13wmaz.com/story/news/2015/04/24/laurens-school-cleaning-up-norovirus/26308819/>

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## Emergency Services Sector

24. *April 26, Salem Statesman Journal* – (Oregon) **Two inmates escape from N. Bend minimum-security prison.** Oregon State Police announced that two inmates escaped from the Shutter Creek Correctional Institution April 26 by climbing over a fence. Authorities asked for the public's help in locating the inmates.  
Source: <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2015/04/26/two-inmates-escape-bend-minimum-security-prison/26417379/>

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## Information Technology Sector

25. *April 27, Softpedia* – (International) **Wordpress 4.2 affected by zero-day stored XSS, PoC available.** A security researcher from Klikki Oy discovered a stored cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability in WordPress 4.2 and earlier versions in which unauthenticated parties can exploit a flaw in comment text truncation to run arbitrary code on affected servers.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/WordPress-4-2-Affected-by-Zero-Day-Stored-XSS-PoC-Available-479437.shtml>
26. *April 25, Softpedia* – (International) **Over 25,000 iOS apps affected by bug breaking HTTPS.** Security researchers at SourceDNA discovered a vulnerability in version 2.5.3 of the AFNetworking library for Apple iOS and OS X products in which attackers could carry out man-in-the-middle (MitM) attacks and access encrypted information by exploiting the library's failure to check the domain name secure sockets layer (SSL) certificates were issued for. More than 25,000 apps are affected by the flaw.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Over-25-000-iOS-Apps-Affected-by-Bug->

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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## **Communications Sector**

27. *April 24, Softpedia* – (California) **AT&T customers in California notified of unauthorized account access.** AT&T released that the personal information, including Social Security Numbers, belonging to its California customers was accessed without authorization on an unknown date between February – July 2014. The company continues to investigate but believes that the customer accounts were accessed for the purpose of obtaining codes needed for unlocking mobile phones programmed to work exclusively on the AT&T network.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/AT-T-Customers-in-California-Notified-of-Unauthorized-Account-Access-479304.shtml>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

28. *April 26, KGW 8 Portland* – (Oregon) **Medical examiner: Suspect in Salem standoff was shot 9 times.** A Walmart store in Salem, Oregon, was placed on lockdown and nearby stores closed April 24 during a standoff between police and a Eugene man that barricaded himself inside a vehicle in the store's parking lot. The man was fatally wounded during an exchange of gunfire after the man refused to surrender.  
Source: <http://www.kgw.com/story/news/2015/04/24/salem-police-incident-turner-road/26310791/>

29. *April 26, WXIN 59 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Dozens displaced after two-alarm apartment fire on west side of Indianapolis.** A 2-alarm apartment fire at the Westpark Townhomes complex in Indianapolis April 25 displaced 25 residents. No injuries were reported.

Source: <http://fox59.com/2015/04/26/apartment-fire-next-to-ben-davis/>

30. *April 25, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **3 dead in Molotov cocktail attack on South El Monte tire shop.** At least three individuals were killed April 25 when a Molotov cocktail detonated inside a South El Monte tire shop and engulfed the business in a blaze. Police continue to investigate the incident and are searching for three men who may be connected to the attack.

Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2015/04/25/molotov-cocktail-ignites-deadly->

[tire-shop-fire-in-south-el-monte/](#)

31. *April 24, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Police: 2 people involved in arson fire at golf course.** Nearly 60 golf carts were destroyed at Myth Golf and Banquet Center in Oakland Township April 24 in a series of arson fires that caused almost \$1 million in damage. HAZMAT crews responded to remove oil, fuel, and fertilizer that pooled in different areas of a structure that was set on fire.

Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/wayne-county/2015/04/24/suspicious-fire-destroys-nearly-golf-carts/26301141/>

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